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New Connector Ramp to Open in Marin County

San Rafael – The new connecting ramp from southbound U.S. Highway 101 to eastbound Interstate 580 will open to traffic at about six a.m. Sunday, April 27, Caltrans announced today.

The new ramp will have two lanes, as opposed to one lane on the old ramp. However, only one lane will open on April 27th. The old ramp must be demolished before the second lane can open. The second lane is scheduled to open in mid-September.

The new ramp is an essential element of the Highway 101 HOV Gap Closure Project. When the project is finished, Marin County commuters will have one continuous car pool lane (or HOV lane, for "High Occupancy Vehicle") running through the most populated segment of Marin County. The entire project is on schedule to finish in December of this year.

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